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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and further to my letter contained in document S/1995/69, I have the honour to inform you that the United States forces stationed in the Arabian Gulf have continued to carry out provocative acts against Iraqi civilian vessels in Iraqi territorial waters. At 0830 hours on 24 March 1995, the Iraqi vessel Al-Fida' was pursued and interrogated by a United States helicopter in the Khawr al-Amayah area of the Arabian Gulf as it was sailing from the Basra silo to the Umm Qasr silo inside Iraqi territorial waters.

These provocative acts affirm the hostile intentions harboured by the United States Government against Iraq and its persistence in its provocation inside Iraq's territorial waters for the purpose of creating pretexts and justifications for its acts against Iraq.

I request you to intervene, as dictated by your responsibilities under the United Nations Charter, in order to prevent the recurrence of such unjustified acts, which constitute a disgraceful violation of the sovereignty and security of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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